

The Arkansas Minibacks "Squealer"

Monthly News of the Arkansas Chapter of LPA District 7

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It's fall already! This year has just flew by. A whole has happened since our last news-letter in July. Our BBQ on August 6th was at Burns Park and we had new people there. We had 25 people show up. Charlotte Ludwig and her daughter, Cyndi from Mena came 3 hours to be there. A new family moved from Chicago area to our area. The Pratt family which counted 5 was also joined by 2 other family members. The Russells were there showing off Haylee 2 months old. The Blacks were there, 5 of them from Fort Smith. It was great BBQ and we talked mostly about the up coming event, Duke Days.

Now some sad news to report. Haylee Renee Russell was medi-flighted to Memphis on the 12th. On September 13, 06 Haylee passed away. She was laid to rest on the 18th at the Forest Hills Cemetery in Alexander. Our prays are with Dana and Jason as they grieve for their loss. For those parents of Achon babies, please ask for a MRI of your babies neck to have the foramen magnum checked, so this doesn't happen again.

District Fund Raiser:

On October 13th and 14th was Duke Days, which was at the Big Cruise Fest this year down by the River Market. Scott Romine puts on the Duke Days every year, and we were included this year as the charity. John Schneider "Bo", Sonny Shroyer "Enos", Rick Hurst "Cletus", James Best "Rosco" plus the stunt men from Dukes were all there. The night of the 13th, John's new movie, he wrote, directed, starred in was being premiered at the Robinson Center. " Collier and Company" his family also starred in it with him. The money from the movie was donated to LPA of Arkansas. The movie is worth going to see. It was funny and family friendly. The proceeds from showing of the movie at the event added up to \$2900.00! We thank John Schneider for his generosity. THANK YOU!

New District Officers:

The Fall Regional is over and we have brand new District officers. New Director is Joy Wyler, Assistant Director is Jean Strawn, Treasurer is Cyndy Dohr, Secretary is Hillary Melechen. There was around 90 people that showed up. Things will be improving now. The Spring Regional will be held in Branson, MO. Dates will be known in the next few months. The 07 Fall Regional is going to be in Fort Smith, AR. It's going to be a Halloween Bash! Plan on being there.

Holiday Party:

Our Christmas party is on December 2nd at Jean and Charles Strawns house. If you are wanting to exchange gifts, be sure to bring one \$10 or less is fine. Also, food bring a favorite dish. Time will be 12 till 5 or so. We will be making plans for our Fall Regional, we need your input. Hope to see more of you there! If you are coming or need extra directions call Jean at 945-3687.

Directions

Coming from the Benton/Bryant area: Take I-30 (going towards NLR) and take the I-440 exit. Once you are on this interstate follow it all the way to the river bridge. Go over the river bridge and you will take the first exit (England/Scott exit), go to the stop sign and make a right. You will go under the overpass, you will pass a liquor store on your left. Keep going straight until you see a mailbox on the right (this will be the first mailbox you will see on the right side of the road...there will also be some sort of LPA sign on the mailbox as well). You will be making a right at that stop sign which will be Garner Road. Go over the railroad tracks and make your first right, which is the driveway. You should see the Strawns house as soon as you come over the railroad tracks.

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Next Chapter Meetings: Mark this on your calendars!!

Our next meeting is February 10 in Hot Springs at Susan Story's house starting around 12 till 5pm or so. Directions will be in January newsletter.

We will have our BBQ's on June 2 from 11 till 5pm.

The BBQ in August is the 4th. Same time, same place. Burns Park at pavilion 2 off the I-40 in North Little Rock.

Now, you can make plan to attend. More info will come in newsletters closer to the time.

Well Wishes:

I'll be having surgery on November 29 to have my left shoulder replaced, so I'll be one handed for a while. My Mom is here from Oklahoma to help me so I'm not on my own through this. If you have any news or questions call or e-mail me.

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